

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF ENGINE FOR ADVANCE LIGHT HELICOPTER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Turbomeca, a group company of France based Snecma, have undertaken a joint venture to develop 'Shakti' a more powerful engine for India's advanced light helicopter;
- (b) if so, the terms of the collaboration and details of the project; and
- (c) the progress achieved so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) have entered into a dialogue with M/s Turbomeca, part of M/s Snecma Group, France to co-develop and co-produce an engine called the Shakti for the Advanced Light Helicopter to meet the requirements of the Army and Air Force. The terms of the contract have not been worked out as yet.